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Following are excerpts dealing with China and Warsaw talks from Secretary Rogers' interview on Washington Metromedia radio news program broadcast 1800 hours January 14, 1970.

BEGIN TEXT - MR. AXELSON: The ambassadorial talks with Red China are due to resume in less than a week now. Do you see any evidence that easing trade and travel restrictions was mostly responsible for the slight thaw, and how much do you think their problems with Russia relate to their willingness to talk?

SECRETARY ROGERS: Well, I don't know as I'd want to comment on those things; I think it's very difficult to predict what the outcome may be in those talks. We're encouraged by the fact that the Chinese Communists are

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willing to have the talks. Their attitude in the preliminary discussions leading up to the talks has been cordial, friendly; at least they've been/~~xxx~~ socially cordial, and we have reason to be encouraged just from the mere fact of the talks, but we have no reason to think that they are necessarily going to be productive. We hope so.

We hope that we can improve our relations to some extent by taking some small steps, because we think Communist China, which consists of almost 800 million people,/~~xxx~~ should not be as isolated as they are from the world, and if we can do something to improve that situation, we'd like to do it. END TEXT

[ROGERS]

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